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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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## Ride the Train to Hear Love Stories of the Underground Railroad

**Brecksville, Ohio** – Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) will offer a special Underground Railroad matinee on Sunday, February 24, 2013. Join National Park Service staff and costumed volunteers as they explore the complexities of the Underground Railroad through the lens of love.

Slave owners justified splitting plantation couples by claiming that slaves felt little pain at losing a mate and cared little for lasting relationships. Heartbroken slaves watched as their loved ones were sold on the auction blocks and many ran away to search for them. In this participatory program help assist a runaway slave in searching for their true love.

Tickets are \$12 each for everyone ages 3 and over. The train departs from Rockside Station, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. To register, call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Rockside Station is located at 7900 Old Rockside Road, one block north of Rockside Road off Canal Road, Independence 44131.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR is celebrating its 40th anniversary of providing excursion rail service this year. For more information about the railroad, visit www.CVSR.com.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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